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Surface Transportation Board  
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Attention:  
Acting Chairman Deb Miller  
Vice Chairman Ann D. Begeman

Subject: Finance Docket No. 35873 NS Acquisition of Certain D&H Lines

Dear Members:

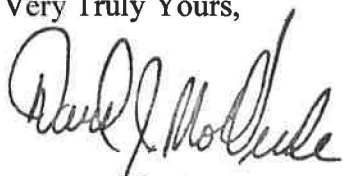
The Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad Company Inc. (DL) would like to submit a letter in support of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NS) acquisition of certain Delaware & Hudson Lines (D&H) outlined in the subject filing.

Our relationship with NS started with their acquisition of Conrail, creating an improved interchange for cars destined to the DL. NS has displayed a professional, regimented approach to the operation of their train services with the DL. On most days DL and NS trains arrive at interchange at the same time exchanging cars with great efficiency. The DL currently has an interchange with both the D&H and NS; following the acquisition by NS the DL will still retain an interchange with D&H via haulage over NS.

NS's Industrial Development and Marketing personnel have been instrumental in arranging programs that have allowed the DL to experience a 14% growth in business in 2014. The DL has been informed that it will be assigned a marketing executive that will continue working with DL personnel in the development of new traffic. These opportunities that DL and NS are currently working on will insure that new traffic comes on line in the next 2-3 years, increasing car loadings for both DL and NS.

The DL operates over ninety miles of railroad and employs thirty people in northeast Pennsylvania, on the edge of the Marcellus gas drilling area, and within ninety miles of the densest population centers in the United States. We believe that the NS's business practices will improve the reliability and quality of rail service in this northeast quadrant of Pennsylvania. The DL respectfully requests the board's expedient review and approval of the NS acquisition of certain D&H rail lines in New York and Pennsylvania.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David J. Monte Verde". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

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